




--17. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14,  
wherein the bonding sites (4) comprise rectangular bonds.

--18. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the bonding sites comprise circular bonds.

 --19. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the first material layer (2) exhibits through-holes at the bonding sites (4).

--20. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the first material layer (2) consists of a nonwoven material.

--21. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 20, wherein the nonwoven material is a carded, thermally bonded material.

--22. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the second material layer (3) is a fibre wad layer having a thickness of 0.5-4 mm.

--23. (new) An absorbent product according to claim 14, wherein the shortest relative distance  $x$  between two groups (5) of bonding sites (4), which two groups are situated adjacent to each other, is at least twice as great as the greatest relative distance  $y$  between two bonding sites (4) which are arranged adjacent to each other within the groups (5).